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McClellan Hospital - Washington, Aug 8th 1863.

Miss Anna Warren Weston

Your letter of the 3rd inst. I have received yesterday - and was glad as usual to have the good fortune in reading your letter - I am very sorry that you have been ill, I hope that you have recovered to your full health again to enjoy the good cause of our Successes in killing the South in their Wickedness - I believe the Rebellion is pretty near to its end - I see in the to day's paper that Jeff. Davis makes his last call to his Countrymen to take up Arms in defending their fire-sides - I should like to know how many there is left - to be able to respond to his Wish - there is a Account of Lee's preparations for a new Campaign against Washington, from Fredericksburg via Alexandria - or Warrenton - Centerville & Arlington Heights - Well indeed if Mr. Lee should attempt to do so - which I think he would - his great ^{Army} which they say he is organizing would be surely Demoralized and burned to Ashes - under the fire of the Fortifications around Washington - and our Army on the good favorable position on Arlington Heights - from which we could crush the Rebels worse than at Gettysburg //

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My dear friend; I am very uneasy, in reference of my last letter to you - I am not able to repeat the word - I regret very much, and ask you to forgive me - for my boldness - I believe I have offended you therefore I wish to apologize - I did not mean anything out the way - if I have said anything in my letter to you my friend who I love as a true friend - which was unpolite - then I hope you will forgive me - you need not say any more, for I am already punished enough - I could not eat anything all day yesterday -

I am in hope yet to get a furlough - I wrote last Monday a letter to Gov. John N. Andrew to obtain a furlough - his Excellency as I understand has written to the Surgeon in Charge of this Hospital - but what, I do not know - Dr. Brown came to me yesterday and was very angry - asking me - Hesp: What have you done - I stayed a while - then saying, - nothing Sir - that I am aware of - you wrote to your Governor he said - I told him that I had - that I know Gov. Andrew and had wrote to him desiring to obtain a furlough to see my friend & Family - Dr. Brown was then very friendly - and has giving me the assurance to give me an answer on my behalf next week -

My Arm is getting along very well - the wound is healed up - but I have pain yet when I walk hard or when I get warm - I go down twice to the City - I have been in the Independence hall and sat in a Chair of George Washington there in a few which belong to Washington Franklin & Lafayette - please give my respect to the Dr. and my kind regard to Mrs. Weston in hope to see her soon - my love to Almira and little Anna

your affectionate friend,
Augustus Hesp